

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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ONION EXPORT QUOTA

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Maharashtra State Agricultural Marketing Board (MSAMB) has been allowed to handle only 20 percent of the onion export quota early this year despite its potentiality to handle much more;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received representation from MSAMB to enhance the onion export quota; and
- (d) if so, the action the Government has taken on the request?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) to (d) As per extant EXIM Policy, the export of onion is free and is canalized through National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd.(NAFED) and other State Trading Enterprises(STEs) including MSAMB. No quota has been assigned during the current financial year and each agency is free to export any quantity of onion.